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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJECT: MEKONG CONVOYS

REF: STATE 073571

1. DURING A CALL ON THIEU APRIL 21 I SPOKE OF OUR CONCERN THAT CONVOYS ON THE MEKONG SUPPLYING PHNOM PENH BE ASSURED SECURITY WHILE TRANSITING SOUTH VIETNAM. I TOLD HIM THAT THE NEXT CONVOY WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART APRIL 23. THIEU ASSURED ME THAT THE GVN REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THESE CONVOYS GET THROUGH SAFELY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS MILITARY, NAVAL, AND AIRFORCE COMMANDERS INVOLVED AND HE FELT THAT THE SITUATION IS NOW WELL IN HAND.
 2. THIEU ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE GVN COULD NOT USE THE FACT THAT THE MEKONG IS AN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY TO DRAMATIZE MORE EFFECTIVELY DRV/ PRG CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS IN THE HONG NGU AREA. I TOLD HIM I THOUGH THIS AN EXCELLENT IDEA.
- BUNKER

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